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Major Questions Will Face Convention

Guard Helps To Celebrate Mexico's '4th'

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The first United States military force to cross the U. S.-Mexico boundary under arms on a peaceful mission in 108 years marched into the city of Reynosa, Mexico, from Hidalgo, Texas, September 16 to join with officers and troops of the Eighth Mexican Cavalry Regiment for an international celebration of Mexican Independence Day.

The 300 officers and men moved across the Rio Grande in seven companies and three detachments of the 31st Battalion of the Texas State Guard in Hidalgo and Cameron counties.

Brig. Gen. Miguel Flores Villar, commanding the Reynosa regiment, and Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker of Austin, commanding officer of the Texas State Guard, headed an array of military leaders who exchanged courtesies at the celebration and reviewed the troops of two nations.

It was General Villar who pointed out that no such event had transpired on the international boundary in 108 years. The Valley guardsmen were joined by the mounted Mexican cavalymen and by a number of patriotic and fraternal organizations of Reynosa in a parade which moved about the main plaza on three separate occasions, once in formal review before the Mexican and U. S. officers, and on two other occasions to parade before thousands who lined the curbs and side streets.

Reynosa was flag-bedecked for the occasion with both Mexican and U. S. banners snapping in the breeze. The day was warm but partly cloudy. The parade stretched for two miles in one direction, and the Valley guardsmen, marching in files of three, covered a distance of more than three city blocks.

The international celebration actually started Friday night, when General Knickerbocker and his staff, and Major Lloyd M. Bentsen, commanding officer of the 31st Battalion, and officers of his organization were guests of General Villar and other officials at a dinner in Reynosa. Mayor Rodrigo Gonzalez joined General Villar, Mexican Consul Lauro T. Izaguirre of McAllen, and U. S. Consul Henry G. Krausse of Reynosa in entertaining the Texans.

General Villar's staff for the celebration included Col. Tiburcio (See REYNOSA, Page 14)

Nebraska Guard "Certainly Looks Up To Texas" Units

Members of the Nebraska State Guard "certainly do watch what all takes place in Texas," Lt. Jerry Tesar, 31st Battalion, Mission, writes The Guardsman after a vacation trip to Omaha.

"It would seem to me," he says, "that they look up to the Texas State Guard and the size of the organization."

"They certainly do read up on The Guardsman. One of the top kicks told me that he tries to get hold of a Guardsman every chance he gets."

There's A Lot Cooking At The Convention



Texas General Has Impressive String Of Firsts

He landed the first U. S. heavy bomber in northwest Africa in support of the Allied invasion; he won the Distinguished Flying Cross for leading Flying Fortresses against Nazi submarine pens; he led the first raid against Bizerte, the first air smash against Sardinia, took part in the first air blow at the Italian railway center of Foggia, the first heavy bomber attack on Rome, and the first heavy bomber mission from Africa to France, blasting Salon and Marseille.

He's a Texan—Brig. Gen. Joseph Atkinson—and he recently came to Dalhart for a visit with his home-folks.

General Atkinson entered the army as a buck private in 1922, going first to Fort Bliss, El Paso. He transferred to the air corps and learned to fly at Brooks Field, San Antonio. Then he spent two summers at Fort Riley, Kansas, where Maj. "Hap" Arnold—now Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of the U. S. Army Air Forces—was his commanding officer.

General Atkinson was commanding officer at Elgin Field, Fla., when General Arnold in 1941 called him to Washington as a member of his staff. There he helped to chart such spectacular air strategy as the memorable first Tokyo raid.

Preferring action in the field to desk maneuvers, the Texas general went to England and started his long string of firsts. He was made deputy commanding general of the 15th Air Force last February, a post he held until August, when he returned to the United States and became commander of the Third Bomber Command, Macdill Field, Fla., part of the Third Air Force.

General Atkinson, 44, is a native of Dublin, but his home has been in Dalhart since 1902, the year after this city was founded.

Status of the Civilian-Soldier In Postwar Era Is Discussed

General Marshall Against Big Professional Army; Knickerbocker Names Committee In Texas.

The future of the citizen soldier in the United States is getting a lot of thought these days by military leaders over the nation.

The United Nations appear determined that never again will military minded countries like Germany and Japan have an opportunity to build secret war machines and hurl them at nations who have let their desires for peace lull them into a false sense of security and reduce their military capacity to enforce this peace.

General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the U. S. Army, has come out against a large professional army, favoring instead a well-trained citizen reserve that would be the nucleus of a military force that could be expanded into a force large and well trained enough to meet all emergencies.

"No Place In Democracy" General Marshall believes that

the present wartime size army may be needed a long time after the Axis is defeated to establish peaceful conditions necessary to world security, but that "a large professional army has no place along the institutions of a Democratic state."

General Marshall added that he felt assured that congress would approve a policy of universal military training for all youths under which "every able-bodied young American shall be trained to defend his country."

Such reserves, after their discharge from training, Marshall said, should form the citizens reserves of the regular army. He added that nations which choose a large standing army for a protecting force automatically concentrate their control of military policy "in a special class or caste of professional soldiers."

"This is the system of Germany and Japan," the chief of staff's directive said. "It produces highly efficient armies. But it is open to serious political objections. In a nation maintaining such a system, intelligent opinion as to military policy (and the international political policy associated therewith), is concentrated in a special class."

Texas Committee In Texas Brig. Gen. A. D. Knickerbocker, commanding general of the Texas State Guard, urges retention of the citizen soldier through such organizations as the R. O. T. C. and the national guard. Governor Coke Stevenson has appointed a committee to protect such citizen-soldier organizations in the (See POST-WAR, Page 2)

Gen. Guerre Takes Over New Command

Brig. Gen. Louis F. Guerre, who served as chief of the security and intelligence division at Eighth Service Command headquarters, has been named commanding officer of Camp Claiborne in Louisiana.

General Guerre, while with the Eighth Service Command, took a keen interest in the Texas State Guard and its training.

The Texas State Guard and The Guardsman wish him great success in his new command.

Streamlined 2-Day Meeting Is Scheduled

Packing a great deal of activity into a streamlined two-day meeting, the program for the annual convention of the Texas State Guard Officers Association has been completed.

From the time that registration of officers begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 8, at the Driskill Hotel, until the meeting of the new executive committee at 5 p.m. Monday, something interesting and important will be going on.

The convention this year is considered the most important the association has ever held. Never before in the history of the Texas State Guard have there been so many important matters come up for discussion and action.

Important Subjects Capt. Carl Hardin, Jr., adjutant of the association, in a letter to members has outlined a few of the most important subjects that will be taken up.

Probably the most important item on the program will be action on the suggestion that the ranks of the association be thrown open to all members of the Texas State Guard and not just officers.

This suggestion was brought up at a meeting of the committee on convention arrangements in Austin last month and it was voted to put the matter up to a vote of the general convention.

Whether the Guard should have state financial support to function properly is another item mentioned in the letter by Captain Hardin.

Post-War Status The question of post-war status of the citizen soldier is of vital interest to all members of the Guard.

In a recent statement to the press of Texas, Brig. Gen. A. D. Knickerbocker, commanding general of the Guard, urged retention of the citizen soldier through such organizations as the National Guard and the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

In the general letter to all members, Capt. Hardin lists the question, "What place do you think the Texas State Guard should have in the post-war world?" as having been proposed for a prominent (See CONVENTION, Page 9)

Go To Your Convention!

The Texas State Guard Officers Convention in Austin on October 8 and 9 is not just another meeting. It is vitally important to every officer and man in the Guard.

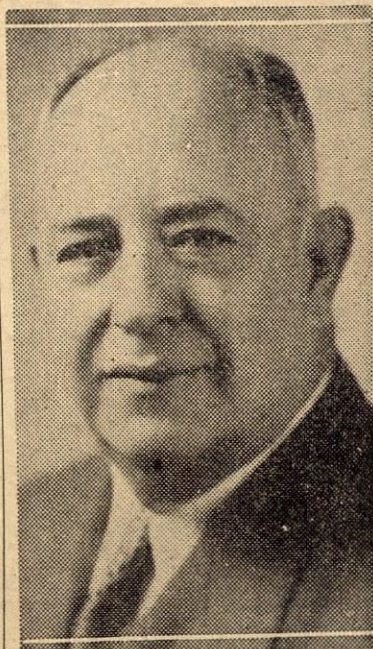
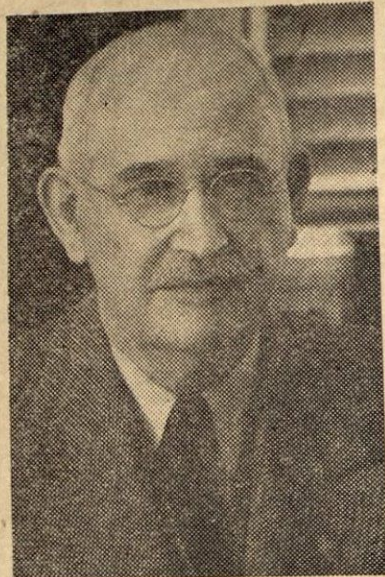
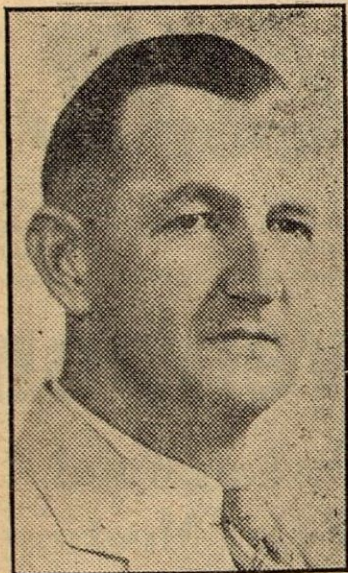
The future of the Guard—not just the officers, but the men as well—will be discussed.

Your post-war status, whether the state should support the Guard, and many other important matters are on the program.

It affects YOU and YOU should be there to give YOUR ideas and take part in the discussions.

GET IN TOUCH WITH CAPT. CARL HARDIN, ADJUTANT, TEXAS STATE GUARD OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, NORWOOD BUILDING, AUSTIN, TODAY, AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!

Post-War Minitary Planners



Top, left to right: Lt. Col. S. Perry Brown, Lt. Col. Paul L. Wakefield, Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead.

Bottom, left to right: Lt. Col. Weaver Baker, Col. W. B. Tuttle, Col. Ike Ashburn.

Postwar—

post-war set-up. The committee members are: Major Gen. Claude V. Birkhead of San Antonio, Col. W. B. Tuttle of San Antonio, Col. Ike Ashburn of Houston, Lt. Col. Weaver Baker of Austin, Lt. Col. Paul Wakefield of Austin, and Lt. Col. Perry S. Brown of Beaumont.

Their objectives are to protect the constitutional rights of Texas in any national post-war military establishment, recommend legislative action to retain citizen-soldiers as the major dependence in time of war, advocate a sufficient post-war military establishment, and secure the greatest possible economy consistent with our national safety after the war, General Knickerbocker said. The committee is expected to send delegates to a September 15-16 meeting at Chicago, where future military organization in the United States will be discussed with congressmen and officers of the War Department.

Colonel Knickerbocker said that interested persons from the National Guard Association, the land grant colleges, the Adjutant General Association, Reserve Officers Association and R. O. T. C., had

met several times in the past two years as a result of reports from Washington that some or all of these military organizations might be discontinued in favor of a professional federal army after the war. Some high officials in the War Department have advocated disbandment of traditional United States dependence upon citizen-soldiers who serve actively only in time of emergency, he reported.

Quietly Campaigning

Adjutants general of many states and officers of local national guard associations have been campaigning quietly, he said, to offset this Washington influence. A committee of ex-students from Texas A. and M. College, which is heavily supported by the R. O. T. C., and

the greatest single source of United States Army officers, also has been active, said Knickerbocker. The recent American Legion convention at Fort Worth unanimously supported this campaign by resolution.

Recent dispatches from Washington state that the War Department has begun a study looking toward revamping the national guard, with the question of political control of appointments of high ranking officers in the peacetime national guard causing considerable concern to the army's high command.

Fears Expressed

Fears have been expressed at times in national guard circles that this concern might result in an army attempt to federalize the

guard completely, removing it from its historical position under state command as a development of the old state militia.

The present army high command, however, is believed to favor retention of the guard as an agency of the states except in national emergencies, although with an extension of the War Department's au-



"Sorry, Joe, but I'm off to Austin."

thority over training and over qualifications of top guard officers.

When the guard was ordered into federal service before Pearl Harbor, the efficiency of the organizations varied sharply. Some are still fighting under the same officers they had in peacetime, but in many units a number of officers were weeded out when they failed to measure up to standard during training and maneuvers.

Economy is a way to spend money without getting any fun out of it.

Theme song of the infiltration course: "Crawl or nothing at all."

Soldier Shooting Blind Kills 16 Japs

Saipan, The Marianas.—One of the most unusual individual feats of arms in the capture of Saipan was that of Pvt. George Ruckman, 21, of Granttown, W. Va., who killed 18 Japanese single-handed in a brief 50-yard walk. Private Ruckman saw only two of his victims before he had shot them. He killed the others with a borrowed weapon that he fired blindly into the bushes merely as a precautionary measure, not knowing how many Japanese were actually present.

"I was scared all the time," he told Sgt. Frederick Baxter, 27th Army Division combat correspondent, "but not half as scared as I would have been if I had known what I was really up against."

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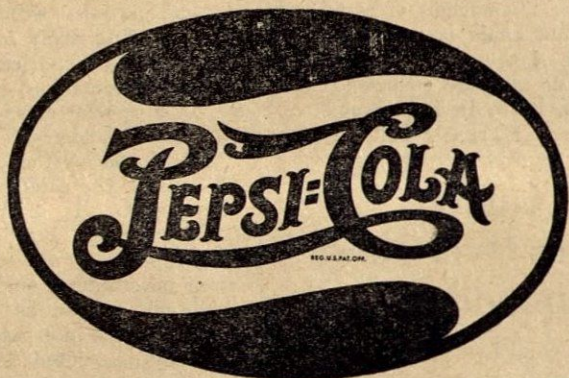
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Major Konken Has Exacting Guard Post

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of stories on Texas State Guard Majors which will be carried in The Guardsman. The series is being published to acquaint Texas with the great work these battalion commanders are doing, giving unselfishly of their time and experience to protect the home front in time of war.)

One of the most exacting commands in the Texas State Guard is that of Major Edward D. Konken, commanding officer of the Second Battalion.

It is most exacting for two reasons:

The Second Battalion is the Houston Light Guard Battalion and, while the routine problems of responsibility and administration are no different than other battalions, the Second upholds the high, exacting traditions of the famous Houston Light Guard.

The Houston Light Guard was formed some 70 years ago. In every war since that time, it has given men from its ranks to fight the nation's battles. In 70 years the Houston Light Guard set a standard of military proficiency and morale that none but a crack battalion could uphold.

Capt. Milby Porter, president of the Houston Light Guard Veterans Association, recently said:

"Thousands of Houstonians who have either been members of the Light Guard or who are descendants of members, have watched the progress of the Second Battalion closely. The record the Second has made upholds the high tradition of the Light Guard. No commander in its history has worked any harder for the good of the state's military protection or achieved more success than the present commander, Major Ed Konken."

The other reason is that the Second is one of the battalions that is located in one of the most strategic war production centers in the nation.

The Houston area abounds with giant synthetic rubber plants, huge oil refineries, a fifty-mile waterway, a great government ordnance plant, and hundreds of other plants making the sinews of war.

As an internal security force, the leader of the Second, along with the leaders of other battalions in this area, Major Konken has an exacting command.

When the Houston Light Guard celebrated its 70th anniversary, Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason, G-4, AGD, spoke at the celebration, praising the record of the Second Battalion under Major Konken's leadership.

"The Second Battalion was the first in the state to surpass the requirements set up by the adjutant general's department," he said.

"With an authorized strength of 325 men, it has an average enrollment of 311. With 52 drills a year prescribed by the adjutant general's office, the Second held 298 and also put on 67 special schools."

The Second was the first battalion in the Houston area to be honored by an official inspection by Governor Coke Stevenson.

Under the command of Major Konken, the Second has been called out to serve during three disastrous tropical hurricanes, guarding property, housing refugees, saving lives.

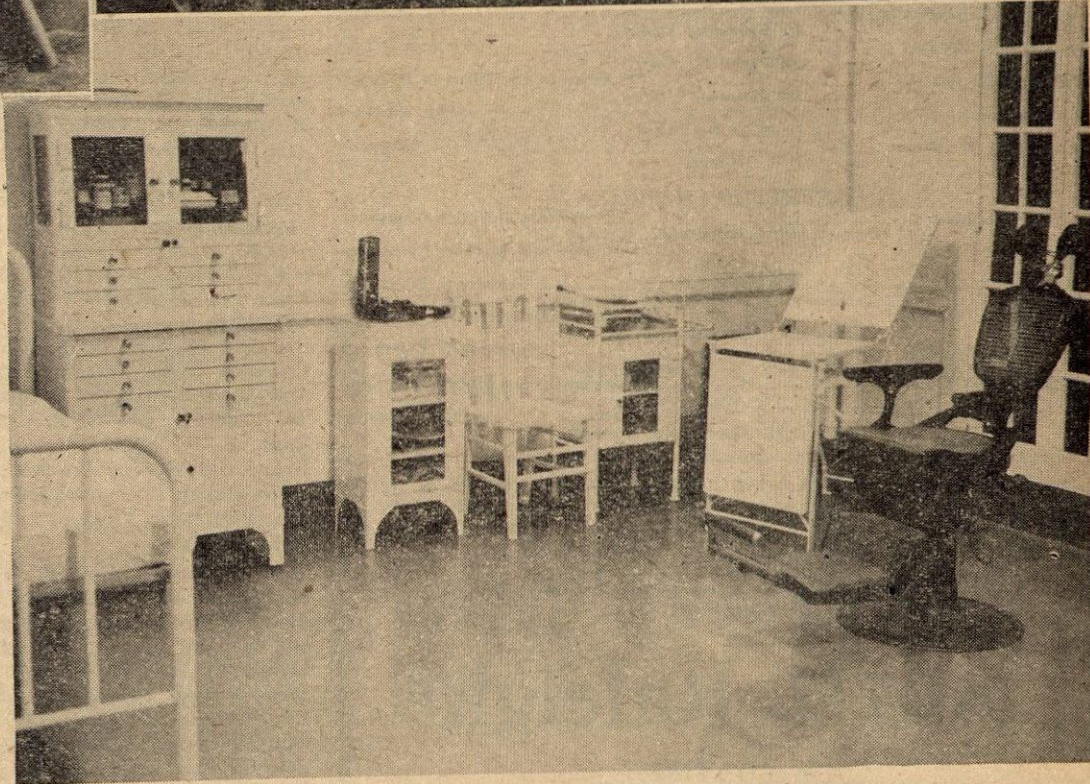
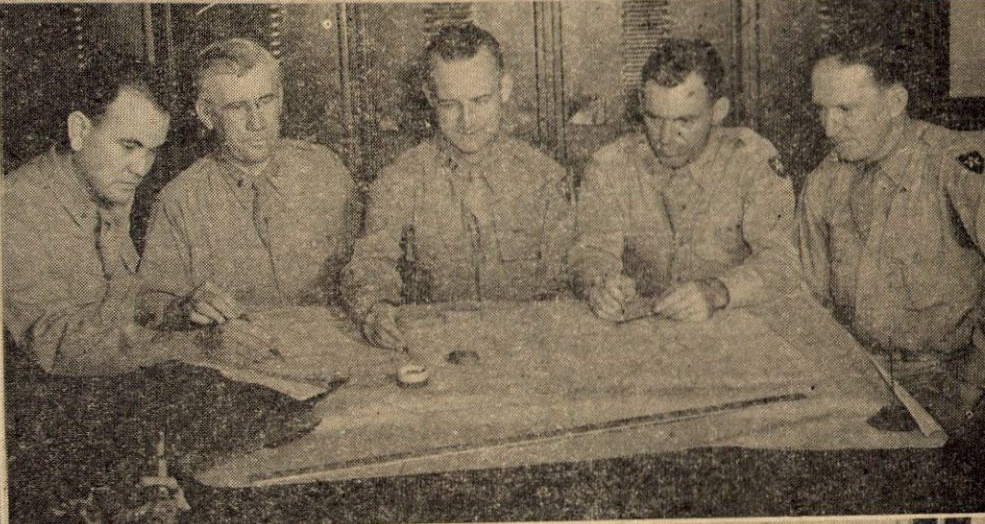
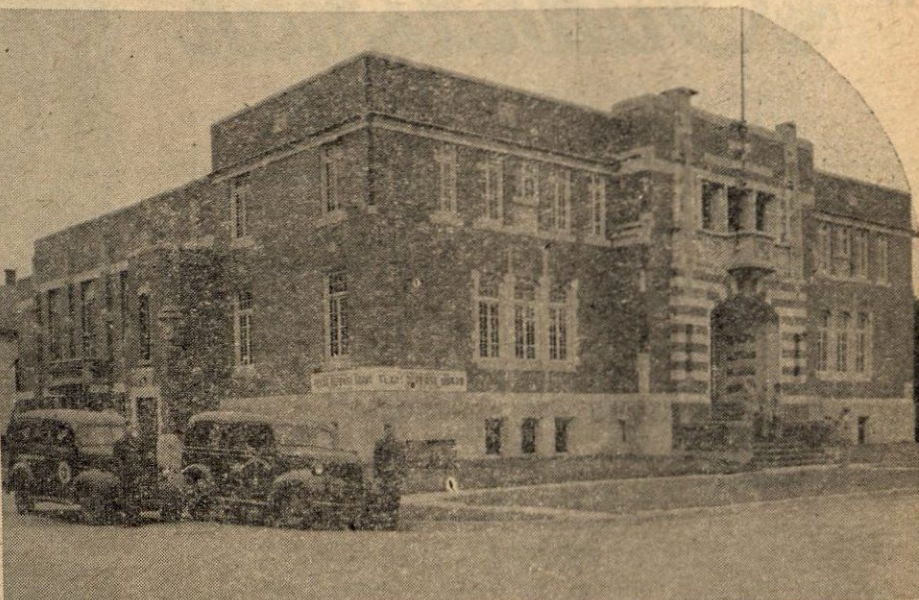
When the Texas State Guard received its first major test during the Beaumont race riots, Major Konken commanded a composite task force made up of the Second Battalion and three composite companies made up from men of the 7th, 48th and 22nd Battalions.

Great strides have been made in equipping the Second Battalion under Major Konken. Its armory, one of the finest in the state, is the only state owned armory in service. It was given to the state by the Houston Light Guard in 1939.

The armory has a communications room with equipment that can pick up radio messages from all over the world. It has one of the few indoor rifle ranges that afford men practice despite inclement weather.

Under Major Konken, the Second has installed a hospital room, complete with dental and surgical equipment, a mobile field hospital

Second Battalion Lives Up To Fine Tradition



Top left: Major Ed Konken, commanding the Second Battalion.

Top right: The Houston Light Guard Armory, where the Second holds its training sessions.

Center left: Some old-time Light Guardsmen who served years ago during the 70-odd years the Light Guard has been organized.

Center right: Staff of the Second Battalion, left to right: First Lt. R. M. McCullough, S-1; Lt. J. S. Bailey, S-2; Capt. J. M. Murphy, executive officer; Capt. Carl Murray, S-3; Capt. Lee Huckle, S-4.

Bottom: The Second Battalion's excellently equipped Hospital Room.

with trailer unit complete. The armory has a spacious drill floor and a large and comfortable post exchange.

Major Konken is a member of the state armory board and has been active in the work of providing armories for guard units in the post-war period.

Major Konken joined the Houston Light Guard unit, Company A, 3rd Texas Infantry, in 1915, and a year later saw service on the Mexican border. He went overseas with the same outfit, which became the 143rd Infantry of the 36th Division. He was a sergeant on the staff of Gen. John A. Hulen, and saw service in the Meuse-Argonne, Champagne and Mont Blanc campaigns.

When the first State Guard unit was organized in Houston, Major Konken joined up. He was a captain in the Second Battalion, which was the first battalion formed. He became a major in 1942.

Officers and men of the Second Battalion swear by their major. Theirs is not merely a military allegiance, but a deep sense of personal loyalty. They feel they have a major who will go to bat for them at all times, and they go to bat for him just as enthusiastically.

A well satisfied man arrived at the gates of Heaven and asked for admittance.

"Where are you from?" asked St. Peter.

"Texas," commented the creature.

"Well," observed St. Peter, "you can come in, but you won't like it."

30,000 Instruments Repaired In Month

Headquarters Air Service Command, Somewhere in England.—A new record was set up by an Air Service Command instrument shop last month when it repaired over 30,000 precision aircraft instruments, it was learned recently.

Credit for this amazing production went to ingenious officers and enlisted men who devised short cuts in the repair of electrical, gyro, and mechanical instruments. Several of the men have been recommended for the U. S. Legion of Merit.

Early in the war, Air Service Command heads were faced with a serious backlog in the repair of delicate gyro instruments. Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Knerr, commanding general, arranged for special balancing machinery, vital to the repair of these instruments, to be flown from U. S. Sperry Instrument factories.

Result: The situation was eased and clever soldier mechanics went ahead to design many modifications adapting the instruments and equipment for many uses in this theater.

Redhead: "What's on the program at the movies tonight?"

GI: "Well, first I'll put my arm around you—and we'll go on from there."

He Saved Sergeant And Now Is Hero

Camp Shelby, Miss.—A War Department general order says it actually happened: One Sgt. Samuel A. Turner of Fort Sill, Okla., was awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism in preventing an enraged soldier with loaded rifle from shooting the company mess sergeant.

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16th Battalion Inspection Held



Top left: Maj. Walton B. Kilough, commanding officer of the 16th Battalion, is shown at left, with Maj. John R. Mann of Houston, inspecting officer, at the recent inspection held by the battalion.

Top right: The heavy weapons company in the 16th Battalion, TSG, is Company A pictured above. Back row, left to right: Cpl. E. P. Lowe, Pfc. W. C. Ferguson, Cpl. C. R. Cummings, Pfc. Rufus Bergeron, Sgt. Mike Bowers, Pvt. R. J. Seitz, Pvt. John Heintschel, Pvt. Louie Van Meldert, Cpl. Morris Friedman, Pvt. H. S. Hollingsworth, Pvt. Riley Rogers, 2nd Lt. G. W. Morris, Cpl. L. R. Harris, Sgt. W. E. Nelson, Lt. Bryan Culpepper. Front row, kneeling: Sgt. R. B. Herring, Pvt. Walter Roberts, Sr., Sgt. A. G. Michalski, Pvt. Walter Roberts, Jr., Sgt. H. A. Morris, Cpl. Joe Liska, Sgt. J. D. Day, Sgt. Tom Rehak, Pfc. Charles Teschendorff, Cpl. C. O. Collins, Capt. H. W. Kelso, Pvt. B. W. Baker, Sgt. George Zatopek, Sgt. Alvin Hobbs, Pfc. Lawson Bergeron, Pvt. Perry Graves, and 1st Sgt. Ted Hunt.

Below, left: The heavy weapons of the 16th Battalion, TSG, includes two machine guns manned by their crews, from left to right: Sgt. Alvin Hobbs, Pvt. Perry Graves, Sgt. C. O. Collins, Pvt. Lawson Bergeron, Machine Gun Platoon Sgt. George Zatopek, Cpl. Joe Liska, Pfc. Charles Teschendorff, Sgt. A. G. Michalski, and Pvt. B. W. Baker.

Below right: The "casualties" from a field demonstration looked like this at the first aid center. Left to right, Sgt. "Red" Alford, Sgt. Mike Bowers, First Sgt. Ted Hunt, Sgt. Jim Bristley, Sgt.

16th Battalion Parade Held

By PFC. CHESTER ROGERS
16th Battalion, TSG

The 16th Battalion, Texas State Guard, held its best parade and demonstration for the August 23 inspection by Major John A. Mann, cavalry, U. S. A.

The fete began with a parade which started at Pelly, wound up the first leg of the parade in Goose Creek, boarded buses for a jaunt to Baytown, where the final section of the parade ended at the Baytown ball park, site of the drill, inspection, review, and demonstrations.

The topflight Ellington Field 55-piece military band led the parade and furnished stirring martial music for the inspection and review.

At the conclusion of the review and inspection, Maj. Walton B. Kilough's troupers presented a series of demonstrations which culminated in a dramatic fireworks display simulating combat conditions, including everything from parachute flares to "victims" at the first aid hospital.

All of the 16th's units participated in the festivities. These included the machine gun equipped Company A from Baytown; rifle companies B, C and D—B from Goose Creek, C from Highlands,

Ray Heinrich, Pvt. B. W. Baker. The two victims were Pvt. J. C. Hayes and Cpl. C. R. McNabb.

and D from Liberty. Other units included the service, medical and headquarters detachments.

Crowds of interested spectators lined the streets along which the band and the 16th marched, and the stands at the ball park were comfortably filled with Tri-Citians who followed the progress of the demonstrations with the help of a loud-speaker system.

The entire program, beginning with the parade, and ending with the fireworks, consumed nearly four hours. Close order drills, wedge formations, various field and combat maneuvers, including infantry scouting parties, machine gun units and others, highlighted the demonstration part of the program.

The fireworks program illustrated a field attack on a supposedly Jap held position from which small vari-colored parachute flares, cannon cackers, colored smoke pots, and star shells were fired. The show ended with the "capture" of the Jap flag at the "outpost."

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New Soldiers Get Taste Of Life In Field

A 5-hour downpour August 26 combined with simulated artillery fire from enemy force, bombardment of installations, including company kitchens, gave new members of Eighth Battalion, Texas State Guard, a real taste of life in the field.

The Tomlinson Hill reunion grounds near Marlin was scene of the first bivouac for the summer of guardsmen from Waco, Marlin and Groesbeck.

All-Night Shelling

Saturday night field exercise included a tear gas attack by the enemy and all-night shelling.

Sunday morning all companies moved into the field at 5:45 o'clock for an attack and all objectives were taken despite artillery fire, bombardment by CAP planes, and heavy rain, which turned black dirt to slush.

Guardsmen returned from the field about 12:30 p. m. Sunday and a meeting of all companies and headquarters detachment was held with headquarters officers complimenting the men for their work.

Sheehy In Command

Maj. John F. Sheehy is battalion commander; Capt. George O. Jones, battalion intelligence officer, and Capt. Ernest L. Connally, battalion operations officer.

Capt. Wesley W. Klatt, battalion medical officer, directed the functioning of his medic section with the help of Lieut. Lewis R. Aide, another Waco physician. Captain Harry Barnett commanded Company A, the heavy weapons company; Capt. Harry D. Hoffman, Company B; Lt. Stanley R. Block, headquarters detachment; Capt. Jack R. Hawkins, Company C of Groesbeck, and Capt. C. S. Cousins, Company D of Marlin.

The exercise was finished before 1 p. m. Sunday. After noon mess a critique was held and the battalion broke camp.

Paratroopers Use Nazis' Horses To Bring In Prisoners

A U. S. Army Hospital in England.—Pvt. Harry Kain of Steubenville, Ohio, paratrooper of the 101st Airborne Division, parachuted out over France at 1:13 a. m. on D-Day, to be greeted by a thundering barrage of German gunfire.

"They hit some of our boys before they even got out of their parachutes, but we soon got organized and blew up a house across a creek which turned out to be a headquarters filled with Germans," he said.

"As we were advancing on Carentan we shot up a Nazi cavalry unit and took some 30 of their horses. They were all set for riding, with fine leather saddles. We used some of them to round up prisoners and snipers, but we used them primarily to haul ammunition. They helped out a lot for they carted heavy guns up to one side of Carentan as we blasted the Jerries out the other side. It sure seemed strange for me to be riding a horse into battle, after all those months of parachute jumping.—Army Times.

"I warn you, I'm necking against the doctor's orders."

"Gosh, are you sick?"

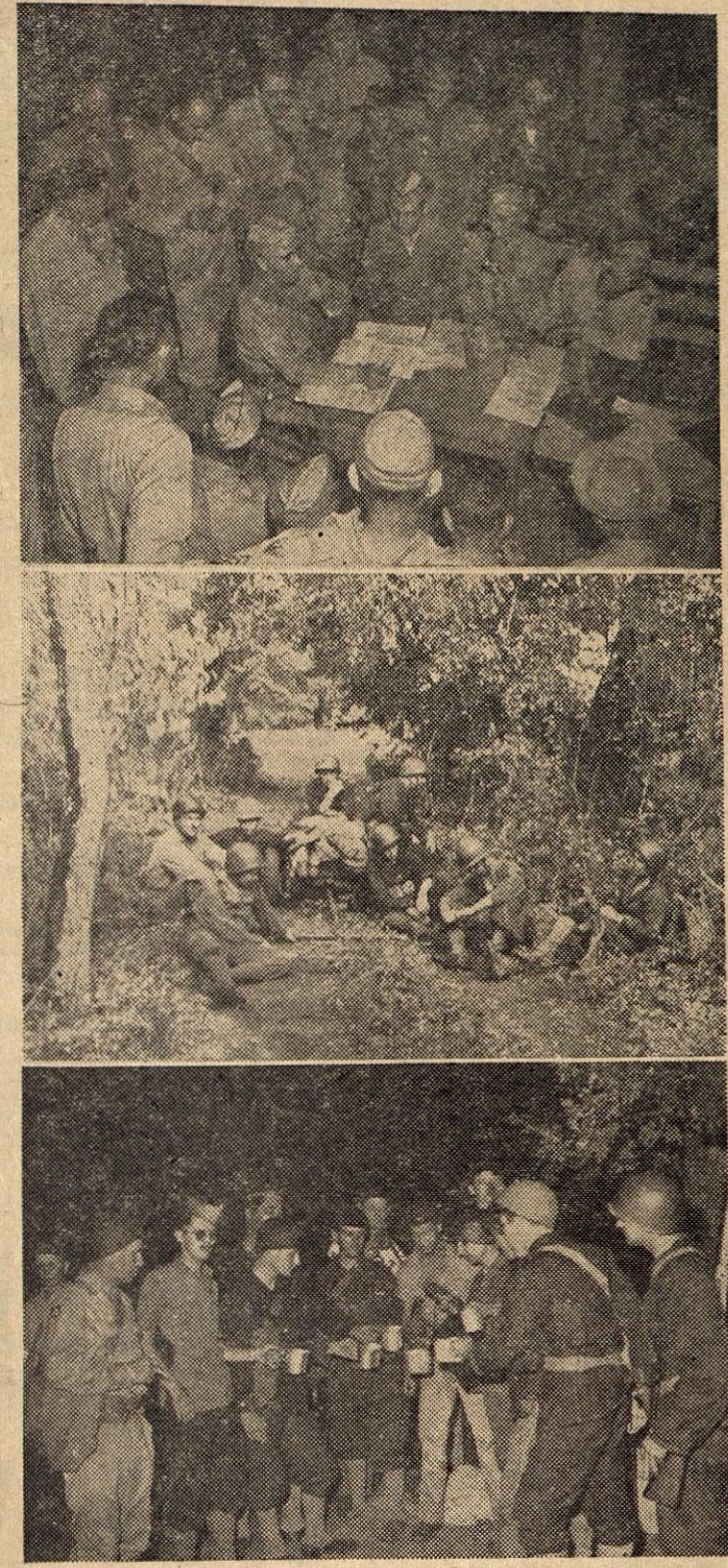
"No, but the doctor is my husband."

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8th Goes On Field Maneuver



Photos by Headquarters Detachment.

These pictures were taken on a recent field maneuver of the Eighth Battalion. The top picture shows Major John F. Sheehy, battalion commander, conducting a meeting during which time the last minute plans were made for the maneuver.

Below: Hot coffee and doughnuts being served at midnight.

Center: Men of Company A (the battalion machine gun company) take a needed rest in late morning.

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Soldier Scientists Launch New Offensive

Headquarters Air Service Command, Somewhere in England.—A new offensive is under way in France. It's an invasion of soldier-scientists of the Air Service Command who, as the Germans reel back, take over abandoned Luftwaffe installations and inspect material left by the fleeing enemy.

Their detailed reports, supplemented by photographs taken on the spot, are extensively used in planning future operations, and in deciding whether German equipment may be adapted for use as Allied weapons.

The officer-scientists, all experts on German equipment, travel in pairs, carrying their own equipment cameras and special tools for dismantling machinery. Most of them have had rugged field experience of this type in Africa, Sicily and Italy. Their job is frequently hazardous, due to extensive booby-trapping of abandoned equipment by the Germans.

Outlook Black For Axis Nations When War Ends

Washington.—The "too little, too late" era of the United Nations' participation in the war is gone.

Germany and Japan can gain neither aid nor comfort from the figures dug up by the research experts of the Foreign Policy Association, who found that after the war the United States alone will hold an estimated:

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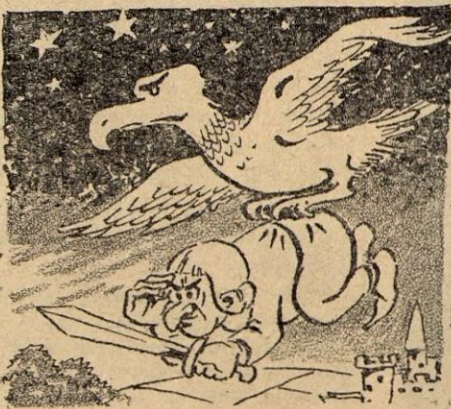
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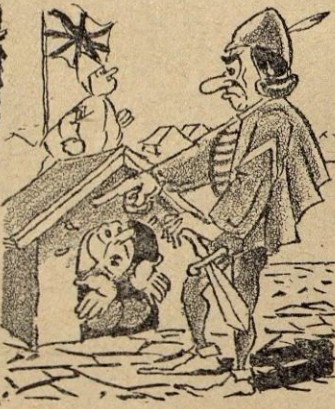
BUT DON'T TELL YOUR MAJOR TO GO CLIMB A TREE



Major



Colonel



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Lieutenant



Private

—Drawings by Capt. Carl Murray, Second Battalion.

New York.—It would be worth the life of any GI today to tell his major to go climb a tree, but that's how the first and original major earned his oak leaf, it was revealed today by Lieut. J. K. Westerfield, formerly of the Army's Ordnance Department.

In an article written for the September issue of Read Magazine, our today, Lt. Westerfield traces the origin of our present Army insignia to a fighting nobleman back in the 13th century.

It seems that a crucial battle was shaping up and the lord had no army to defend his land. So, according to the author, he gathered the men of his manor together and delegated military authority, rating his men strictly according to their responsibilities.

He designed an oak leaf for his major, because the major led as many troops as could be seen from the top of a large oak tree. The full colonel wore an eagle because he commanded as many troops as an eagle could see while poised in flight. The general wore a star, of course, because he had as many troops as could be seen from the stars.

The first class private's chevron is derived from the gable or rafter. Thus the inverted "V." The private was the man who had one house under his jurisdiction. The corporal, who ruled a settlement, was given two stripes. The sergeant, wearing three chevrons, headed a village or 10 or more houses.

The soldier who headed the troops of a town or village that had a barricade wore a bar to symbolize the barricade. He was known as a lieutenant. The captain was assigned two bars because he commanded a town or city surrounded by a moat.

Mobile Medical Units Stationed By Channel

Headquarters Air Service Command, Somewhere in England.—As an added safeguard for Allied airmen, mobile emergency medical units of the American Air Forces are now stationed at Royal Air Force fields near the Channel, it was disclosed recently by Brig. Gen. Malcolm C. Grow, chief surgeon of the Air Service Command in Britain.

This new system was established to augment British medical facilities when American aircraft are forced to make emergency landings on R. A. F. airdromes—in most cases because they had wounded crew members aboard in urgent need of attention.

The American emergency medical unit consists of an ambulance, a medical supply installation, a surgeon, and four medical corps men.

Generals Get Up Early To Get Their Washing Done

Washington.—Scores of home-made washing machines dot the beaches of the Central Pacific islands where everybody from general to private does his own laundry and wears it rough dried, according to Lt. Col. George Blakeley, deputy commander of the Seventh Air Force Bomber Command, now here on temporary duty.

With the campaign moving from island to island in the Pacific, laundry became a problem.

"We took a five-gallon oil can, cut off the top and made a crude windmill above it. The windmill was hooked to a drive shaft which causes a wooden paddle to churn up and down in the barrel filled with water, soap and our dirty clothes," Colonel Blakeley said.

"An hour or so of this churning leaves the clothes free of dirt, perspiration, grease or anything else you pick up in combat. The windmills operate very well because of the ever-present winds of the Central Pacific. The clothes are hung out in the sun and wind and dry rapidly. Everyone wears them rough dried."

Colonel Blakesley said he has seen as many as 400 of these home-made machines strung along the beaches after headquarters were established and the enemy chased out. He has operated his own private washer on Funafuti, Tarawa, and Kwajalein as the headquarters of the Bomber Command move forward.

"I've seen General Landon (Brigadier General Truman H. Landon, U. S. Army, commander of the Seventh Bomber Command) up at 5 a. m. many a morning doing his laundry. One of the officers has a washing machine so big we call it Goliath."

Colonel Blakeley said the soldiers take their washing machines along as they move forward. They are

easily dismantled and put in a plane or a boat.

"You might say these washers are morale builders," he said. "Nothing like some clean clothes to make you feel better after a tough day."

Bomb Toggle Doubles Loads of Incendiaries

Headquarters Air Service Command, Somewhere in England.—The bomber crews were complaining. On incendiary missions over Germany, they said, they were running all the risks of a heavy bombing raid—yet their bomb bays were only half full, due to the small size of the incendiaries.

So Col. Harold J. Baum, chemical warfare chief of Air Service Command in Britain, went to work. Within a few minutes, he had twisted a loop of wire and a piece of scrap metal into a sling-like device. When asked what he was doing, he smiled: "I've just invented something. What's it called? Let's see—uh—it's a bomb toggle."

The bomb toggle is now used on all incendiary missions, and the bomber crews are satisfied. It more than doubles the load of fire-starting bombs they can splatter on Germany.

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THE SOLDIER WHO SALUTES IS THE SOLDIER WHO'LL SURVIVE

THE SOLDIER who snaps to attention and salutes his officers smartly is the soldier who is most likely to survive in combat, in the opinion of Lt. Gen. John Clifford Hodges Lee, deputy theatre commander of General Dwight Eisenhower.

In a recent Saturday evening Post story on General Lee, Martin Sommers relates the following incident when the general was on a tour of inspection and driving his own jeep:

The general was playing hooky. The jeep's windshield was turned down and the general's small, bright red pennant with its three stars fixed to the radiator cap. With the sharp wind cutting into our faces, the flag taut ahead, and the general giving his full attention to a fast driving job, we sped through the beautiful hills of the Cotswold country. As we reduced speed to pass through some of the picturesque old English villages, promenading American soldiers saluted smartly. A group of three idling near a fountain stared rather blankly, and failed to salute. The general pulled up beside them.

"Are you American soldiers?" he asked calmly.

"Yes, sir," one of them replied, in some confusion.

"I am, too, and proud of it, but I didn't notice you were. Do you expect to get to France?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, when you get there, you'll either be a dead soldier or an alert soldier, and right now I don't think that you're very alert."

As we drove on, the general asked, "Did I embarrass you?" The flat question rather startled me, and I murmured a dissent which wasn't altogether honest. General Lee, who has the gift of conversational timing, let the subject drop. But later in the afternoon, he remarked reflectively, as though thinking aloud:

"You know, the salute is a greeting between brothers in arms, and of course it is fitting that it should be. But it is something more, something of fundamental importance in the training of a soldier."

"It is the earmark of an alert soldier, the label certifying that the soldier is truly alert. The soldier who 'didn't see him' or who didn't know whether or not to salute until the officer had passed is not an alert soldier."

"When he gets into combat, he will not see something he should see, he will prove incapable of quick action. That lack of alertness, that hesitation, may cost his life, to say nothing of losing the battle."

"The soldier who, in combat, survives and wins, for himself and his country, is the alert soldier. You will find that, out of combat, he's the one who never misses a salute; the two go together."

Former Guard Air Commander Retires



Col. Aubrey W. Schofield, above, who served as commander of the 111th Observation Squadron, Texas National Guard, and military observer for the United States in Egypt during Rommel's famous dash across the desert, is back in Houston to be retired and to return to his old job as assistant production superintendent of the Gulf Oil Corporation.

Colonel Schofield was stationed at Cairo when Rommel was pushing the British back. He made numerous flights with bombing pilots over Rommel's lines. It was lack of gasoline that defeated the Nazi general, Colonel Schofield said. The communication lines became so long that gasoline could not be brought to the front fast enough and it gave the American airmen a chance to get to North Africa.

Colonel Schofield was made chief of staff of the fighter command by Gen. L. H. Brereton. He stayed in North Africa from June until December, 1942, and then was sent to England.

Sub Batteries

A navy submarine requires as much lead in its storage batteries as goes into the batteries of 4,600 autos, and uses as much lead for ballast as is used in 3,600 autos—a total of about 450,000 pounds of lead.

Gobs Have Day Off, So They Take Hand in War

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT GROSSET, ITALY.—A couple of first class seamen from Uncle Sam's navy, Robert Gaston, 19, of Reading, Pa., and Harold Simpson, 18, of Billerica, Mass., had a day off.

They went to a salvage dump, picked up a couple of used army rifles and then hitchhiked to the front north of this town.

They moved in alongside the doughboys, took some pot shots at the Jerries, looked things over, said they'd had a great leave, thumbed a ride back to port and reported ready for duty again.

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Much Meningitis, Scarlet Fever in U. S., Report Says

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Scarlet fever and meningococcus meningitis (cerebrospinal fever) have been epidemic in the United States in the first five months of this year, the United States public health service reported recently.

Nearly 10,700 cases of meningococcus meningitis were reported in the period. The epidemic, which started in 1943, has reached every geographic section of the country, the service said. Meningitis epidemics usually last two to four years, but the present one is at a considerably higher peak than any of the four epidemics since 1917.

Fifty per cent more cases of scarlet fever have been reported this year than for the same period of 1943, with 125,000 listed since January 1.

\$1,000 for Cat Food Too Much, Judge Rules

LOS ANGELES. — What with the meat situation, Superior Judge William R. McKay has ruled that a \$1,000 bequest to buy hamburgers for cats is against public policy. He ruled that the sum left in the will of Eliza Anderson to the cats of her next door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kendall, should go to Mrs. Kendall without restriction upon her assurance the cats would get proper food.

Colonel Describes What Army Wants Boys of U.S. Taught

Austin.—What the armed forces want the schools to give boys to fit them for war and post-war service to their country was graphically described to a University of Texas class in education recently by the commanding officer of Camp Swift, Col. O. P. Houston.

Asserting that pre-induction training for boys still in school grows more critical as the demand for technicians in the armed forces increases, Colonel Houston urged training "the whole boy," just as the army trains "the whole soldier."

"Since the whole boy is involved in this preparation, I can only see it as an entire educational program, embracing every aspect of his high school training," he said.

He recommended, in addition to a good foundation for a trade or a profession, that the schools should equip each boy with certain fundamental knowledge before he enters the armed forces:

"1. They should all know why we are at war and what it will mean to them if we should lose. In other words, we should strive to give him the will to fight.

"2. The fear of the unknown is present in most people. We should explain to them what happens at the Induction Station, Reception Center and all along the line until they arrive at a unit or permanent station.

"3. They should know how the Army operates and in general how to get along in the service.

"4. They should all have command over the fundamental processes of reading, writing and arithmetic.

"5. They should all know how to develop and keep a sound body and mind.

"Our immediate task is to keep in mind the needs of the 16-17 year old boys. We are duty-bound to give them what they will need in order to adequately meet their immediate future. If we do this we will make a real contribution to winning the war."

Boxing Bouts Favored By Army Men in Field

BLYTEVILLE ARMY AIR FIELD, ARK. — According to Capt. O. L. Benson, special service officer here, boxing bouts are the most popular form of entertainment for the field personnel. Captain Benson reports that more officers and men turn out for boxing bouts sponsored by the athletic department than attend any other recreational feature. Baseball ranks second.

Russians Call Yanks 'Hotasah Tovarich'

A BOMBER BASE IN ENGLAND. — Fortress crews on the triple shuttle raid to Russia and Italy picked up a Russian vocabulary. They learned "potsilmina potsiloi," means "give me a kiss." "Ja lybu chibya" is Russian for "I love you." The Russians called the Yanks "hotasah tovarich," meaning "good comrades."

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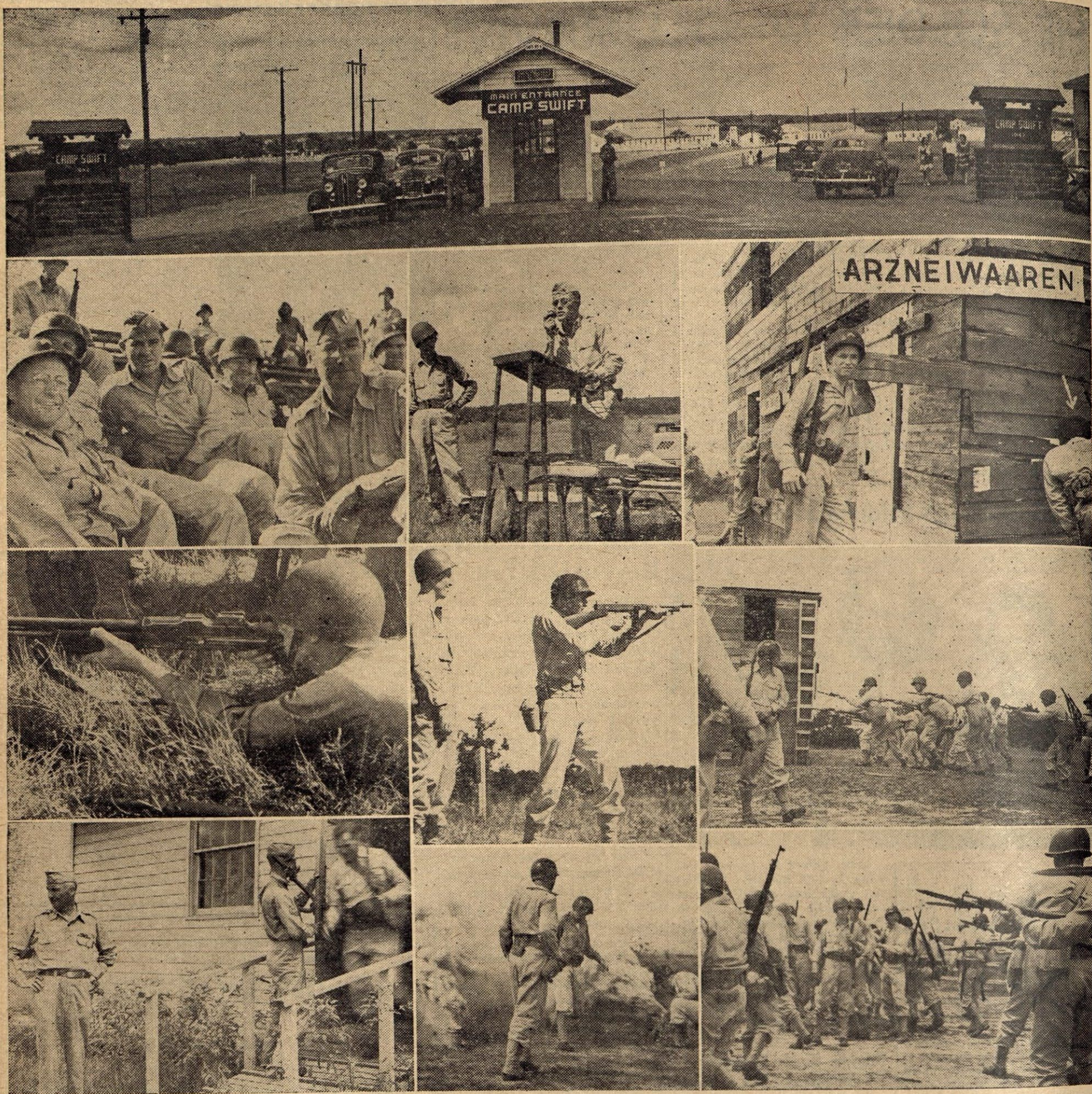
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Fifth Battalion On Maneuver At Camp Swift



Sprawling Camp Swift reservation lies behind the post entrance. Here 100 guardsmen of Fifth Battalion labored at the job of becoming better soldiers on Labor Day.

Top row pictures: Resting for a minute are Sgt. Jim Watkins, Bn. Comdr. Maj. Weldon Swenson, and Capt. Samuel Hutchison of Camp Swit, who handled all details for camp. "Watch those tracers as the rifles range in on

the targets!" bellows Lt. Welhorn in mike at weapons demonstration; and, "Now what the hell does 'Arzneiwaaren' mean," wonders Pvt. T. H. Heaton as his buddy, right peeps through a hole to see what the hell is in the building.

Center row pictures: Squinting through the sights of a BAR, this fellow is ready to fire. Bring on your bobbing targets, Cpl. Roy Williams is set and ready to fire at them on submachine gun course; cold steel in hands of advancing soldiers, and guardsmen wonder if they hadn't better give way.

Bottom row pictures: Tears stream down his face as Cpl. J. B. Perry rushes out of gas chamber; Maj. O'Hagen, post chemical officer, right; Colored smoke pots in action at chemical warfare show; and, that cold steel moves a little closer as soldiers move up mock village street and guardsmen decide it is high time to scam.

Guardsmen Are Given The "Works" By Army Men

Acquitting themselves with ability and high morale during two days of specialized training on the huge Camp Swift reservation near Austin, 100 members of the Fifth Battalion returned to their barracks at Camp Mabry the night of Labor Day, sunburned and enthusiastic about the stepped-up training schedule of the season.

Trained army personnel made up of the post complement of Camp Swift gave the Guardsmen "the works" during the two days spent on the post, September 3 and 4.

Labor Day was no day of rest for the Guardsmen, and the members hustled from the time they boarded the army trucks bright and early Sunday morning for the sub-machine ranges until the last gas bomb was exploded at sundown Monday ending the intensive training period.

Approached in early summer on the idea of giving the Guardsmen of the Fifth Battalion two days of practical work in four or five subjects the guard were likely to use in case of a riot, Col. O. P. Houston, post commander, gave his hearty (See 5TH BATTALION, Page 13)

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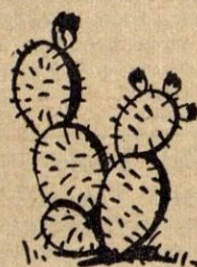
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3rd Battalion Captures 'Nazi' War Prisoners

By MAJOR GLENN BURGESS
Third Battalion

Pursuit and capture of escaped German prisoners of war in the rugged terrain of the Davis mountains was the basis of a problem participated in by Third Battalion, State Guard troops, from Alpine, Fort Davis and Marfa, August 12-13.

The alert was given at 3 p. m. Saturday stating that 25 prisoners had escaped from Fort D. A. Russell at Marfa and had been spotted near Fort Davis by members of Company A. All troops arrived on the square at Fort Davis at 8 o'clock Saturday evening in full pack and equipment, where the men were inspected and a report given to the officers that the prisoners had been seen in Merrill Valley near Indian Lodge.

Capt. Graham W. Fuller, battalion executive officer, was appointed task force commander, and the entire group moved out by motor patrol to the area four miles up Limpia Canyon from Fort Davis.

As the battalion headed into the camp grounds it was fired upon, and this was the signal to throw out patrols, and set up outpost and interior guards. Until midnight, the prisoners of war had use of blanks, fireworks, and tear gas. Attempts were made to steal equipment of the troops.

Sunday morning the problem was continued with the prisoners taking refuge on a high cliff overlooking Indian Lodge. They were enveloped, chemical smoke used, and the prisoners taken.

At the close of the problem demonstrations in cliff climbing and machine gun firing were given by Lt. William Mountz, Jr., of the Headquarters Detachment at Alpine.

First Lt. Barry Scobee, Fort Davis, was officer of the day; Second Lt. Ernest Gregg, Marfa, officer of the guard; Cpl. Willard Evans, Alpine, in charge of prisoner group; problem prepared by Major Glenn Burgess and staff.

At the noon meal, all companies took advantage of a chuck wagon set-up furnished by Capt. R. K. Merrill of Fort Davis, and prepared the food together. Captain Merrill donated two head of sheep, which were barbecued by his company cook.

3rd Battalion Learns Mountain Climbing



One technique developed by members of the Third Battalion is cliff climbing with ropes. Sometimes in cross country trips, many miles and much time can be saved if this trick is known. Men can go down a perpendicular cliff of 100 feet or more without too much hardship and with perfect safety. In the method taught the battalion by Major E. G. Burgess, a safety rope is used as shown in the pictures.

Left: Close-up of Lt. Wm. Mountz, Jr., Headquarters Detachment, Alpine. Rope tied to belt is a safety rope used while learning. Left hand normally is on large rope going up cliff. This position shows how man can rest on way down.

Right: Lt. Mountz teaches member of Company B. Marfa, how to go down perpendicular cliff. The man practically walks down.—Photos by Major E. G. Burgess.

Convention—

place on the convention program. Captain Hardin urges that every guardsman who has a suggestion about what should be taken up at the convention get in touch with his office.

"Send Them In"
"We shall welcome your suggestions, either individually or by groups," he said. "Send them in before the convention, so that they can be brought up in the proper order."

Main convention sessions will be at the Driskill Hotel. Officers and their wives will be quartered at both the Driskill and Stephen F.

Austin hotels, according to the preference they have indicated in making reservations with Captain Hardin.

The convention will not be a "stag affair." Captain Hardin has arranged for music for the buffet supper Sunday night, and urges officers to bring their wives and sweethearts along.

The program follows:

Sunday, October 8

8:00 A. M. Registration begins.
11:00 A. M. Meeting of the Executive Committee with the Board of Directors.
4:00 P. M. Meeting of the Board of Directors.

7:00 P. M. Informal Reception and Buffet Supper.

Monday, October 9

9:00 A. M. Meeting of all Chaplains with Major Reese.
9:00 A. M. Meeting of all Medical Officers with Lt. Col. Castner.
9:00 A. M. Meeting of all Judge Advocates with Col. Baker.
10:00 A. M. General Assembly—Reports of Committees, etc.
2:00 P. M. General Assembly—Election of Officers, etc.
5:00 P. M. Meeting of new Executive Committee.

Junk Man: "Any old beer bottles to sell, Lady?"

Old Maid: "Do I look like the kind of a person who drinks beer?"

Junk Man: "Any vinegar bottles to sell?"

Mother: "Son, I don't want to see you going around with that wild girl any more."

Son: "Aw, heck, Ma, she ain't wild. Anyone can pet her."

Time Artillery Fire Praised By Briton

Fort Sill, Okla.—The outstanding difference between American and British field artillery is the effective use the Americans have made of time fire, it was stated by Lt. Col. N. Robert Grimston, of the British Army Staff, during a visit at the Field Artillery School.

Colonel Grimston, whose headquarters is at Washington, D. C., said he was particularly impressed by demonstrations showing the development of time and ricochet fire. In this type of fire, projectiles explode in the air just above the ground, releasing showers of steel fragments, greatly increasing the effectiveness of the shells on certain targets. British artillery is now also developing time fire.—Army Times.

He's Got His Own Idea About Pin-Ups

Fort Worth.—A soldier here has a new slant on the serviceman's pin-up fad to boost morale.

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9th Battalion Is Proud Of Landry Family

By CAPT. W. L. RUNTE
C/O, Co. C, 9th Bn., TSG

Much has been written about numerous members of the Texas State Guard, about father and son teams, about brothers, but Company C, Ninth Battalion, of Port Arthur wants the state and all Guardsmen to know about their Guard family.

Staff Sergeant J. R. Landry, who is finishing out his first enlistment of three years, is supply sergeant for Company C, and one of those rare persons who can do almost anything and do it correctly. In the position of supply sergeant he can call from memory the clothing and equipment in the supply room, the amount of each item in there, and the sizes. J. R. knows how much equipment each member of Company C has and what each item is.

In this company, J. R. is the George in "Let George Do It." Numerous times he has had to fill two capacities either at drill or on maneuvers. It is not uncommon for him to pinch hit as mess sergeant, or company clerk, along with his regular duties.

During the civil disturbance in Beaumont in June, 1943, J. R. was on duty continuously checking on the guns and ammunition of each man to be sure everything was in order.

His ability to obtain what is needed, and do a seemingly impossible job easily, has made J. R. a person of unparalleled value to the Guard.

A person that should be on the rolls of the Guard and Company C is Mrs. Landry. Quiet, unassuming in manner, and vitally interested in her boys. Many a trip has been made to town, or surrounding towns, many hours of her time devoted in numerous ways, all for the Guard. If a party is to be held it is discussed with Mrs. Landry first.

An excellent seamstress, she is always on hand to sew on a button, a patch, or to make an alteration on clothes. Menus for maneuvers are discussed with her.

On many an occasion has Mrs. Landry put her living room at the disposal of the officers and men of Company C for meetings, and each time has been right on the spot with coffee and cake, or some other refreshment.

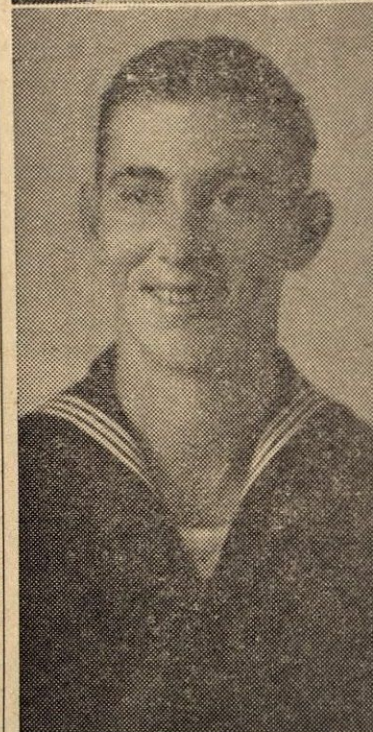
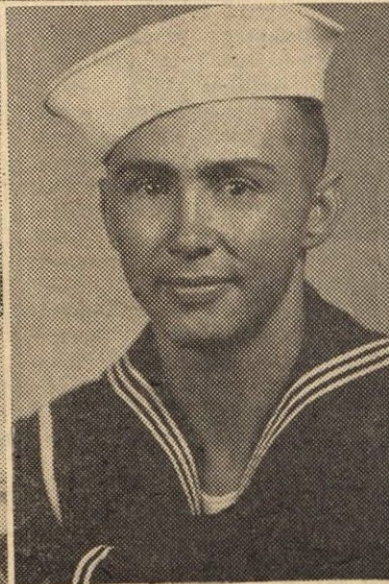
It is easy to see how J. R. and Mrs. Landry are vitally interested in the war effort—on the home front by their activities in the Guard, and in the scene of actual conflict by their two boys in the service.

J. C. Landry, the oldest of the boys, enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard after serving a year with the Texas State Guard. He was the original bugler of Company C.

The youngest of the children, Howard, nicknamed "Boobie," was mascot of Company C for two years before he joined Uncle Sam's Navy. Being too young to belong to the Guard didn't bother Howard—he was at every drill session and in all activities with the fellows like a veteran Guardsman.

The other child of Mr. and Mrs. Landry is the daughter, Elner, known by all of Company C personnel as "Sis." "Sis" is our WAC, regular in attendance, and always asking for more to do. During the day she works at a manufacturing concern, in the office, typing and filing, but once a week she spends a night doing the same thing for Company C. The company depends

The Landry Family



Top is Staff Sgt. and Mrs. J. R. Landry of Port Arthur, who are great assets to Company C, Ninth Battalion, Texas State Guard. Center left is the daughter of the Landry family, Elner, who is the "Wac" of the battalion. Center right is the youngest son, A. O. M. 3/c Howard Landry, and at bottom is the oldest son, Seaman First Class J. C. Landry.

beamed, bubbled, and glowed. [She is in there pitching doing all that she can like the rest of her family. She calls it "Backing up her brothers."

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Sarge: "What about the smell?"

Rookie: "He'll have to get used to that just like I did."

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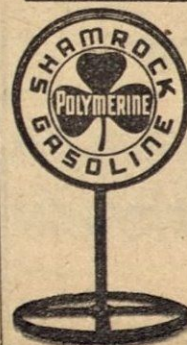
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4. The following questions with answers are briefly given as typical

Q. Now show me how you take the

Fig. 1

sitting and prone positions rapidly from a standing position.

Q. How do you squeeze the trigger?

A. By pressing the trigger straight to the rear so steadily and smoothly that I am not aware of any increase of pressure and I do not know when the rifle will go off.

Q. How does keeping your eye on the target help you to save time?

A. A man who looks into the chamber while working the bolt loses time because he works the bolt slowly in order to see the cartridge enter the barrel. He also loses time because he has to relocate his target after every shot.

Q. What other mistake often results from "chamber gazing" in rapid fire?

A. Firing on the wrong target.

Q. What is this?

A. A score book.

Q. In firing at ranges up to and including 500 yards, what is the only weather condition for which you make correction?

A. Wind.

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LESSON No. 15—RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP—PREPARATORY TRAINING
(Effect of Wind; Sight Changes; Use of Score Books; Examination of the Men)

1. (5th Step)—EFFECT OF WIND

A. Wind from either side of the rifleman blows the bullet out of its path. For example, if the wind is coming from the right side of the rifleman the bullet will be blown to the left. The amount the bullet will be blown from its path depends on the force and the direction of the wind and on the distance of the target. Correction for this is made by moving the aiming point toward the wind. This process is called "taking windage." It is accomplished by shifting the body so that the sights of the rifle, instead of pointing at the normal point of aim, are pointed to the right or left of the normal aiming point, depending upon the direction of the wind. The point of impact of the bullet will move in the same direction that the aim is made during movement. For example, if it is desired to move the hits to the left the aim must be moved to the left; if it is desired to make the hit strike further to the right, the aim must be moved to the right.

B. Zero of a Rifle

1. The zero of a rifle for each range is the elevation to be set on the rear sight, and the point on the target on which the sights must be aligned in order to hit the center of the bull's-eye on a normal day when there is no wind. The zero may not conform to the marks on the sight leaf and the alignment of the sights on the rifle. The zero of any rifle may differ with different men, owing to the difference in their hold or manner of aim.

2. Each man determines the zero of his own rifle by studying the facts that he has written in his score book concerning elevation settings on the rear sight, aiming points, changes in

sight settings and aiming points, light, and the direction and velocity of the wind. Having learned the zero of his rifle, the rifleman computes his elevation for the first shot from the zero and not from the zero marked on the rifle sight unless the two correspond.

C. Sight Changing Exercise

1. If there is no wind the aim should be normal.

2. Assume that you fire and notice at the instant the shot goes off that your shots were aligned a little below and a little to the right of your zero aiming point, and if it strikes a little to the right and possibly 6 inches below, you use this as a base for correction! that is, if your second shot approximates the number one shot with possibly a little variation. You are now justified in making a correction in elevation to raise the next shot to hit the center of the bull's-eye. Many other similar exercises may be used until the pupil becomes proficient in sight and aim judgment.

D. The Score Book

1. The use of the score book on the range is important for the following reasons:

(1) The plotting of the shots shows the firer the location of his group.

(2) The windage diagram indicates the aiming point to use for the first shot.

(3) Plotting the shots and recording the data as to light and wind helps the soldier to learn the zero of his rifle.

(4) The data written down as to sight settings, aiming points and weather conditions while firing at any range are of great assistance in setting the sight correctly and determining the aiming point when again firing.

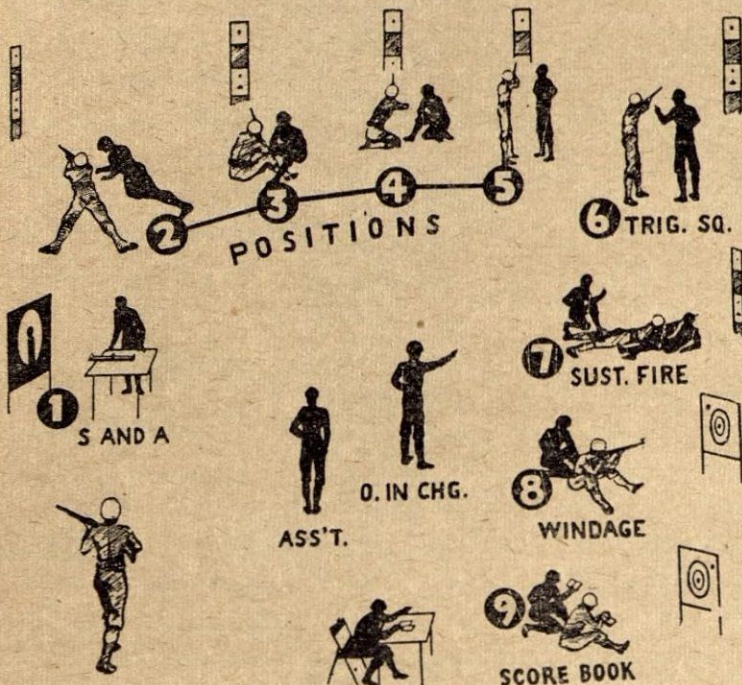


Figure 2

If You Don't Believe This, GI Joe, Blame Mr. Tillitt

Washington. — Okay, Joe, we know you're going to snort, but once again one of those pen and pencil experts has figured out that the bucks you crack your heels for on pay day isn't just fifty pieces of lettuce but is the balance of practically a small fortune.

It all will probably come as a shock to the gang who always have those "after-the-15th-blues," but if you're doller up with a handful of stripes, well, soldier, you're making more money than the governors of some states.

Don't argue with us, we're just repeating the words of Mr. Malvern Hall Tillitt, who penned a piece for Barron's National Business and Financial Weekly.

Mr. Tillitt did a bit of surveying and came up with the conclusion that a private is making more than a single civilian with a \$3,600 income.

Here's how he figured it:

	Civilian	Private
Total income.....	\$3,600	\$600
Living expenses.....	2,508	180
Federal taxes.....	749	000

The conclusion is reached simply by subtracting those items, housing, K-rations, medical attention and ODs, etc., from the net income of the civilians.

On the other hand, because Uncle Sammy takes care of his boys, Joe only has to dig an average of \$15 a month out of his fatigue pocket.

So, according to Mr. Tillitt, if you're one of the few guys who will admit making less than \$500 a

week in civilian life, you're doing okay in the Army.

We repeat—that's according to Mr. Tillitt.—Army Times.

Jap Lives Months In Tree On Rain Water, Cocoanuts

Somewhere in the Gilberts.—After successfully concealing himself in the brush and living on a thin diet of coconut meat and rain water since last November, a Jap marine was finally captured when he toppled out of a cocoanut tree.

Hunger urged him to climb a tall cocoanut tree. While trying to secure a cocoanut he lost his grip and plunged to the ground. A friendly native* on the island spotted the Jap marine when he hurtled to the ground and ran for half a mile to the outpost where Sgt. Orvel L. Null of Elizabeth, W. Va., was on duty with a searchlight battery.

A patrol found the Jap huddled under palm fronds. The Jap was dazed with fear and just sat cross-legged on the ground and prayed.

Sergeant Null examined the Jap and discovered that he had sustained a sprained back as a result of his fall. The Jap was weak and hungry. He was given first aid and then brought to local headquarters, where he was given medical care and food.—Army Times.

A traveling GI on furlough was registering at a small hotel and a bedbug crawled slowly across the page.

"Well," observed the weary soldier, "I've been bitten by all sorts of bugs in hotels, but this is the first time I ever saw a bug crawl down to see what room I'll be in."

Million Vets May Use Education Plan

Washington. — Between 800,000 and 1,000,000 veterans of the present war may study eventually at educational insitutions of their own choice under the provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (GI Bill of Rights), the Office of War Information said in a report on what the bill gives veterans and what it means to higher education in this country.

Data for the report were provided by the Veterans Administration, United States Office of Education of the Federal Security Agency, components of the Retraining and Reemployment Administration of the Office of War Mobilization, Selective Service, War Department

and Navy Department.

On July 31, 1944, the Veterans Administration reported that 261 veterans of the present war were studying in educational institutions of their choice under the terms of

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5th Battalion—

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approval to the idea, and on the spot assigned Capt. Samuel Hutchison, director of military training of the post, the task of preparing a two days training schedule for the guardsmen and working out the numerous details for the camp.

In Charge Of Details

All matters, such as finding barracks for the guardsmen and reserving the ranges, looking after the mess details, installing emergency telephones, providing transportation, were left in the capable hands of Captain Hutchison, who was a member of the Texas State Guard at Seabrook.

Due to the careful planning of Captain Hutchison, the entire schedule went off without a hitch, and with clock-like regularity.

Quick on the trigger and fast at spotting the bobbing targets was Second Lt. Forrest Pearson, of the state headquarters company, who made one of the best scores of the day on the first event on the training schedule Sunday morning, firing on the sub-machine gun range.

The guardsmen were divided into details of 20 men each with a commissioned officer in charge of each group, and all fired the Camp Swift bobbing target range (25 rounds per man).

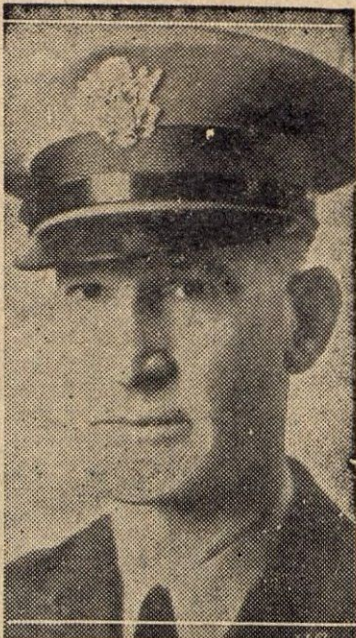
M.P.'s Act As Mob

Jabbing Bayonets in the hands of the guardsmen moved, and quickly, a company of military police who were acting as a mob in the mock village street on the post. This was the Sunday afternoon schedule. The guardsmen got some fine points from the army on how to patrol streets, how to arrest and search individuals in an unruly crowd, how to use gas and smoke to clear a building, and various other training aids which would be invaluable in case the guardsmen were called out in a domestic disturbance. First Lt. L. A. Baue of the provost marshal's office was in charge of this part of the program. He gave the guardsmen an interesting and instructive lecture on traffic control.

Sun-up Monday morning found the guardsmen rolling in the trucks to a civilian cafeteria where they messed during the stay on the post. After breakfast, they sped out to an area where a company of combat engineers were ready to give plenty of practical and useful pointers on range estimation, and the use of the rifle, BAR, and machine guns.

Sweating mountain trained troops of the 10th division now in training at Camp Swift were passed by the guardsmen on the way to the area. Company after company of troops in full field pack, weighing 60 to 70 pounds, were swinging down the side of the road on the hot and steamy morning. Guardsmen who have not been in the army

Ninth Army Chief



Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, a native of Weatherford, Texas, is commanding the Ninth United States Army revealed to have gone into action in France. General Simpson, 52, a West Point graduate and veteran of World War I, is a former commanding general of Camp Wolters at Mineral Wells and once served as assistant commander of the Second Division and Fort Sam Houston.

got an idea of what it means to go on forced marches with full pack.

Technique Of Fire

Arriving at the area, First Lt. Virgil Wadkins gave the guardsmen a lecture on the use and technique of fire with the rifle, BAR, and machine gun. Then with tracer bullets he had troops of the company illustrate his points. Range estimation which the guardsmen were quizzed on, the method used to bring fire on a target, the effect of fire at different ranges, and various other subjects relating to the use of the rifle were covered.

Live ammunition was used by the Camp Swift troops in a tactical problem during the morning. Points on cover, concealment, various duties of squad leaders, scouting, etc., were brought out in the problem.

Maj. T. T. O'Hagan of the post chemical warfare office really "shot the works" for the guardsmen Sunday afternoon in the display of chemical warfare grenades, bombs, land mines, smoke pots, and primacord firing, to conclude the two-day training. All types and kinds of chemical grenades and bombs now used in war were used in the demonstration. Previously the guardsmen had been given the "gas chamber" treatment in which they learned the smell and effect of various kinds of tear gases.

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Triplets Get Wings At Eagle Pass Field

Eagle Pass Field.—Jay R., Jene L., and Joe D. Hinkle, 19-year-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ross B. Hinkle of Walton, Ind., the first set of triplets ever to complete pilot training together in the history of Army Air Forces, received their wings and commissions as second lieutenants at the Field's 19th cadet graduation.

The triplets received the personal congratulations of Col. John H. Bundy, commanding officer of the Field, for their precedent-setting feat of surviving as a family unit the "rugged" primary, basic and advanced flight training of the last nine months. They had enlisted in the Aviation Cadet Enlisted Reserves while still in high school and were called to active duty together shortly after their graduation. They have remained together ever since.

paid by the Fifth Battalion, and Maj. Weldon Swenson asserted that it was money well spent in giving the men from buck private to commissioned officer thorough training in a few specialized subjects which the guardsmen of the Fifth Battalion may be called on to use any day.

"You look all in today, Bill, what is the trouble?"

"Well, I didn't get home until after daylight, and I was just undressing when my wife woke up and said, 'Aren't you getting up early?' so in order to save argument, I put on my clothes and came out to camp."

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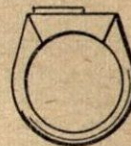
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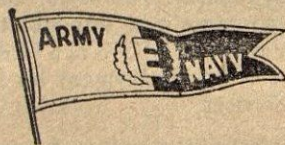
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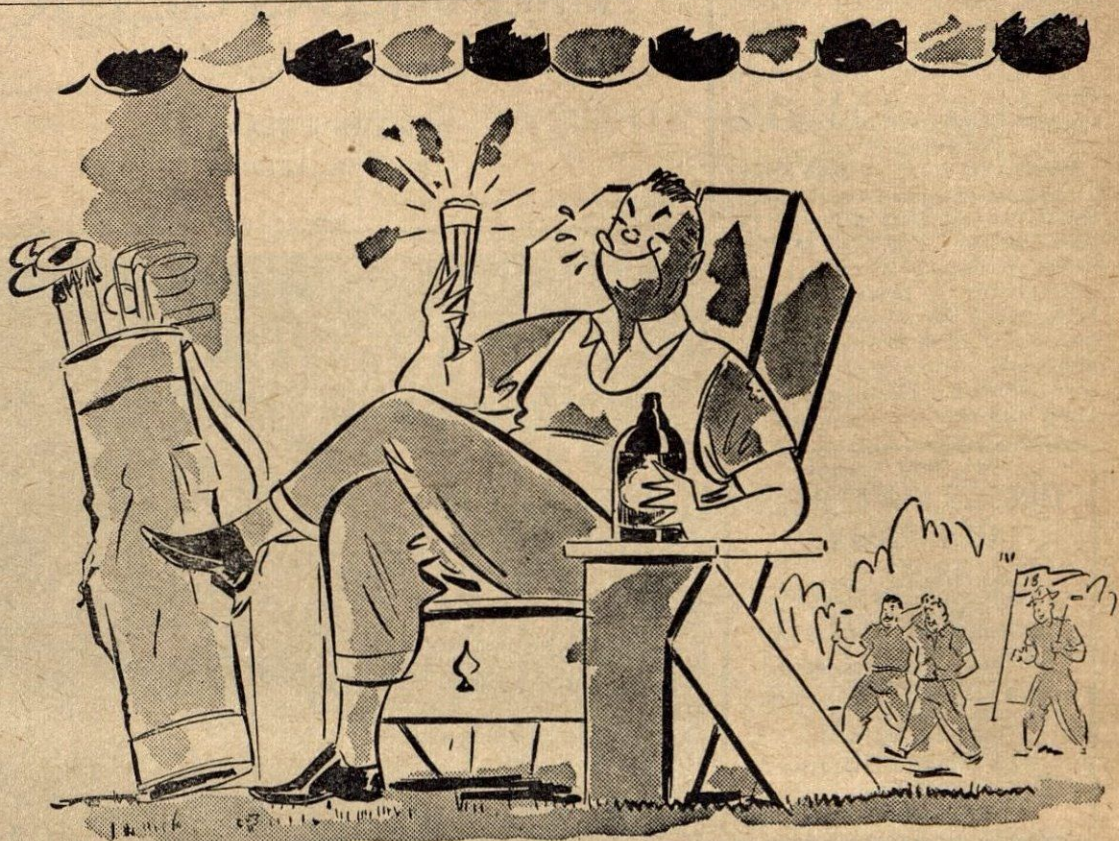


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General Knickerbocker's staff included Col. Neill H. Bannister, assistant adjutant general and chief of staff, Austin; Lt. Col. James C. Jones, assistant chief of staff in charge of personnel, Austin; Lt. Col. Royal G. Phillips, assistant chief of staff, Austin; Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, assistant chief of staff and plans and operations officer, Austin; Major Thomas W. Gahagan, inspector general's department, Austin; and Capt. John W. Kokernot, assistant plans and operations officer, Austin.

Moore Field's crack air forces band headed the guardsmen as they marched into Reynosa. The companies had assembled at their armories at Rio Grande City, Mission, McAllen, Pharr, Alamo, Donna and Edinburg at 7 a.m. Saturday. From there they moved in motor convoys to the international bridge, where the battalion was formed in marching order. First came the band, then Major Bentsen's staff, the headquarters detachments of McAllen, and the seven line companies in alphabetical order.

U. S. customs officials cleared the long line of march within a few minutes and the history-making line across the Rio Grande bridge moved across at 8:45 a.m. By 9 the entire battalion was in position on the main street leading from the Reynosa bridge to the plaza.

General Villar and his staff came down from the city to meet the battalion and then returned with the group of Austin headquarters officers to the municipal plaza. A smartly-trained group of Mexican girls, all in white, formed a special color section that moved at the head of the parade, carrying flags of the U. S., Mexico, Great Britain, Free France, China and Russia. It was an impressive spectacle as the line climbed the northeast hill to the plaza and moved about the square, with the Moore Field band playing and a special Mexican mounted cavalry trumpet section adding to the martial blare.

Lt. Col. Clemente Nieto Lara and Major Jose Salas Ortiz headed the mounted cavalrymen in the parade.

Reviewing Stand

Whole squadrons of high school youngsters snapped smartly to attention on all four sides of the plaza as the U. S. and Mexican troops passed with their colors. Once around the plaza, the parade halted while the reviewing officers took their places in the overhanging Spanish balconies of the municipal building. Then around the plaza they went again with officers

at salute and men at eyes right with company colors dipping in unison as the men passed in review. The crowd set up a roar.

The battalion was halted in front of the city building, where the ceremony of presenting the colors was conducted with the two generals and their officers participating.

General Villar formerly presented to General Knickerbocker, during the colors presentation, a handsome wrist watch to be delivered by the Texas general to Gov. Coke R. Stevenson at Austin as a token of Mexican friendship for the Texas chief executive, who last year made an extended tour of northern Mexico.

After the presentation the Moore Field band brought the thousands of spectators in the plaza to attention with the Mexican national anthem while the U. S. troops stood at "present arms" and unit colors again were dipped. The band then struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner" and it was a stirring moment as the two national anthems blended in a moment of silence on the crowd's part.

The line of march was resumed and not only the guardsmen but the Reynosa patriotic groups as well started a long line which wound south from the plaza, past the Jose Escandon public school, and back to the plaza for a final note of respect to the reviewing officers. From the plaza the men returned to the bridge and crossed back to Hidalgo. The ceremony had taken about two and a half hours.

A noon barbecue at Whalen park east of McAllen capped off the morning's events both for the guardsmen and for Generals Villar and Knickerbocker and their staffs. Major Bentsen was host for the occasion with hundreds of pounds of barbecued beef served to the hungry guardsmen and their officers.

The generals and their staffs returned to Reynosa Saturday afternoon for a horse show at the Reynosa military post with General Villar as host. Men under his command staged a field show with their mounts.

Mobile Training Units Speeding Up Airplane Repairs

Advanced Headquarters Ninth Air Service Command in France.—Mobile training units—miniature technical colleges on wheels—are now following U. S. airmen as bases move deeper and deeper into France, it was revealed recently by the Air Service Command.

The trailer "labs" make it possible for aerial mechanics and groundlings to get up-to-the-minute data regarding new modifications, instruments and repair techniques. Though airmen coming to this theater are already fully trained, the continual flow of aircraft modifications rising out of combat experience makes it necessary for mechanics to study constantly.

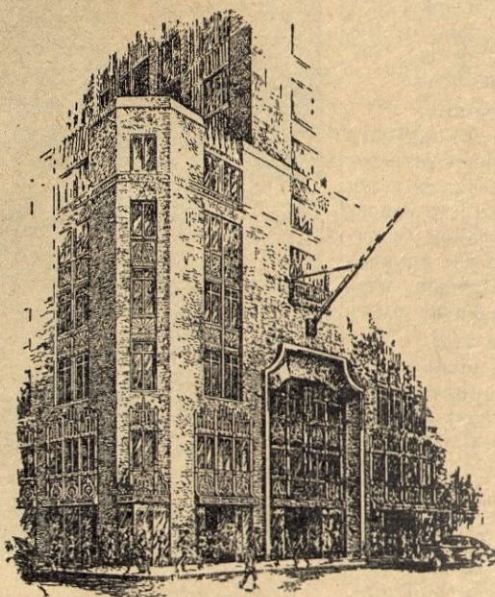
The mobile training units are equipped with models, cutaways, graphs, drawings, films—everything needed to teach new techniques in the shortest possible time.

In use for some time in England, the traveling "tech" colleges stay two weeks at each bomber and fighter station or repair and maintenance depot. Classrooms are set up in empty hangars, barns, sometimes in bombed out churches. Students fly with the new or modified equipment on "Graduation"

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The training has speeded up aircraft repair so much that Lt. Col. Thomas E. O'Connell, director of

the training units, has sent trailers to every war theater in which U. S. aircraft are fighting.



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Changes In Constitution And By-Laws

One of the most important matters that will come up at the annual convention of the Texas State Guard Officers Association will be the proposed change in the constitution and by-laws to admit persons other than guardsmen to membership.

Capt. James F. Ewers, S-1, 31st Battalion, and vice president of the Association, has drafted the proposed changes, which will be submitted to the membership as a whole. The draft follows:

Be it resolved by the members of The Texas State Guard Officers' Association, that those Articles of the Constitution and By-Laws hereinafter referred to shall be and are hereby amended so that same shall read and be in the future as follows:

Article I—Name
The name of this organization shall be The Texas State Guard Association.

Article III—Membership
1. Active membership: Any officer or enlisted man in the Texas State Guard shall be eligible for active membership.

2. Associate membership: Any person who has been an officer or enlisted man in the Texas State Guard, but who shall have been honorably separated from the Texas State Guard for any purpose shall be eligible for associate membership in this Association so long as such person shall pay his annual dues to this Association.

3. Honorary membership: Any person who because of his interest and active contributions to the advancement of the purposes of this Association shall be eligible for such membership by any active member of this Association and the approval of the Executive Committee of this Association.

Article XI—Tenure Of Office
All officers, Executive Committee members, members of the Board of Directors, and their appointees shall hold office for a period of one year; from the annual convention at which they were elected until successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Article XV—Local Chapters
Local chapters of this organization may be established by the officers of one or more battalions in the same general area, which shall operate for their particular area under this Constitution and these By-Laws, and such additions thereto as they may adopt.

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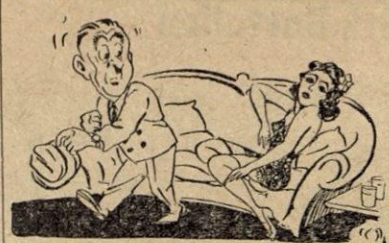
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Yankee Ingenuity Is Routing Cooties

Headquarters Air Service Command, Somewhere in England.—Air Service Command mechanics on front line French airdromes have solved the problem of vermin and skin diseases by using a little Yankee ingenuity, it was learned recently from Col. Harold J. Baum, chemical officer for the Air Service Command.

Soldiers living in foxholes who've been unwashed for weeks are now queuing up to get into one of the fanciest shower baths in Europe. It's a combination water heater (once used to warm the water employed in decontaminating aircraft) and insecticide sprayer.

Chemical Warfare Service soldiers rigged up a large number of discarded heaters, attached them to the giant sprays and spread the



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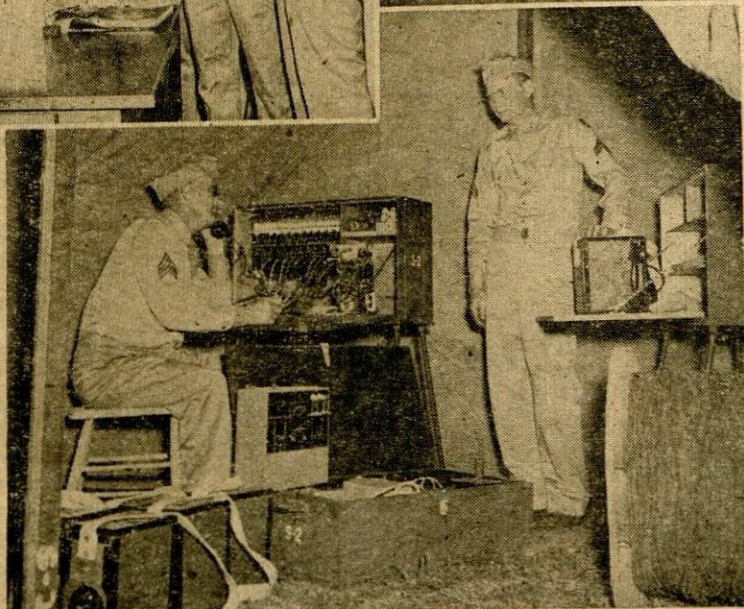
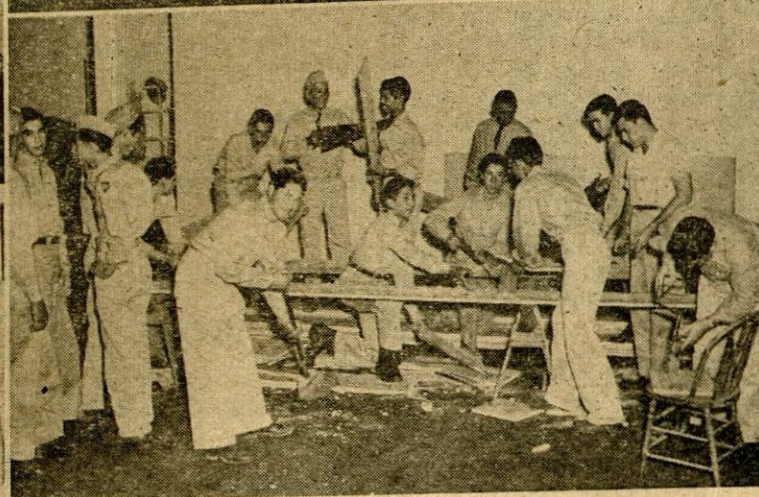
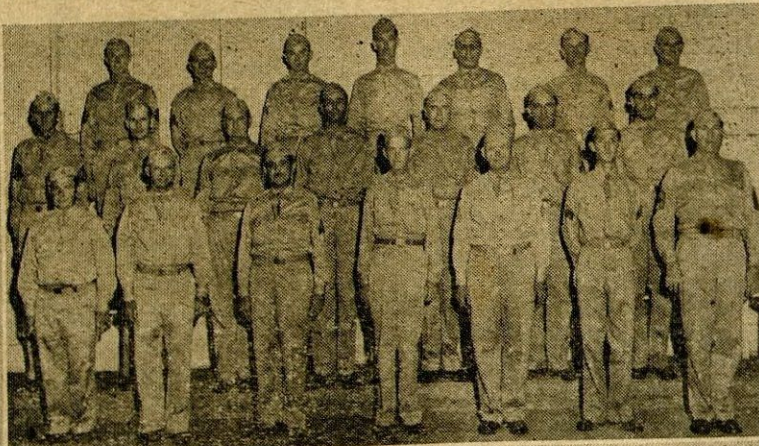
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Pictures Of 38th Battalion



Top right: Officers of 38th Battalion grouped around conference table. Seated, left to right: Capt. W. J. Stiles, Battalion Supply and Transportation Officer, Alice; Major Thomas W. Gahagan, Inspector, Adjutant General's Department, Austin; Major Robt. R. Mullen, Jr., C. O., 38th Battalion, TSG.

Standing, left to right: Capt. L. H. Lee, Plans and Training Officer S-3, Alice; First Lt. Reynaldo Adame, Company S, San Diego; Capt. Fernando De Pena, C. O., Company C, San Diego.

Top left: Service and Medical Detachment. Front row, left to right: Pvt. Ralph W. Stokley, Pvt. A. P. Mathis, Sgt. W. A. Swope, Pvt. W. H. Blanton, Sgt. A. H. Steelhammer, Sgt. Roy Lewis, M/Sgt. Hardy D. Lee.

Second row, left to right: S/Sgt. W. R. Holmes, Cpl. Frank M. Barnett, S/Sgt. Temple G. Koonce, T/Sgt. Gordon W. Johnson, Cpl. C. L. Day, Cpl. Harry Valenta, Pvt. Bartolo Gonzalez.

Back row, left to right: S/Sgt. Dewey L. Granberry, Sgt. Tom W. Hill, Cpl. A. H. Steffins, Pvt. Ira M. Rice, Pvt. Luis Mora, Cpl. G. G. Thomas, Cpl. W. O. Sweasey.

Center left: Officers of 38th, including some who were not in other picture. Left to right: Capt. W. J. Stiles, Battalion Supply and Transportation Officer, Alice; First Lt. G. W. Savage, Administrative Medical Officer, Alice; First Lt. H. W. St. John, Intelligence Officer, Alice; Major Robt. R. Mullen, Jr., C. O., 38th Battalion, Alice; Capt. L. H. Lee, Plans and Transportation Officer, S-3, Alice; Second Lt. John H. Clemons, Company E, Alice; Capt. B. O. Goldthorn, C. O., Company E, Alice; Capt. W. B. Billingsley, Chaplain, 38th Battalion, Alice.

Center right: Men of C Company showing their enthusiasm in Guard work by building their own supply rooms.

Bottom, left to right: Sgt. A.

Jap Menu Carries Live Lizards Daily

With U. S. Army Forces at an Advanced New Guinea Base.—The American Infantry which has surrounded or pocketed large numbers of Japs in the New Guinea jungles has cut the Nipponese rice line, which is tantamount to the Japs' life line.

The Japs are fond of their rice, to put it mildly, but since only one small pouchful is issued to each Jap soldier, their diet has been reduced to something like this:

Coconut meat cocktail, root salad, land crabs (main course), small live lizards (game course), and coconut milk in the half-shell (beverage).

And that's the menu for every meal, every day.

The Box Score! 82 Nips Weekly

With the American Division Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.—Fourteen hundred and twenty-nine additional Japanese have been killed by fighting men of the American Division—veterans of both Guadalcanal and Bougainville—since the Japs' suicidal attack last March on bloody Hill 260 at Bougainville.

Grand total of enemy killed by the division since Christmas Day is 2,492, or an average of 82 Nips a week for a period of 30 weeks.

Bearing the Brunt of the Americal doughboys' steady offensive tactics was the once-proud Sixth Imperial Japanese Division, infamous for the rape of Nanking.

Commanded by Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure of Palo Alto, Calif., the Americal is unique in that it is the only overseas division bearing a name instead of a number. "Americal" is a contraction of America and New Caledonia.—Army Times.

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